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1. DECEMBER SOHYO AUCCTU MEETING IN TOKYO DID NOT REPEAT NOT CONCLUDE AGREEMENT TO SPONSOR JOINTLY AN ASIAN LABOR CONFERENCE. RUSSIANS PUSHED HARD SEEKING SUCH SOHYO AGREEMENT BUT LATTER RESISTED EMPHASIZING ITS NEUTRAL POSITION, NEITHER SUPPORTING ICFTU NOR WFTU. (LATTER WOULD BE ACTIVE IN ASIAN LABOR CONFERENCE AS AUCCTU CONCEIVED IT.) BASIC SOHYO POSITION REMAINS NOT TO TAKE SIDES BETWEEN RUSSIA AND CHINA IN TRADE UNION ARENA.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE NOW BEING TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH BY SOHYO BUT UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF CRUCIAL SECTION SHOWS RUSSIAN PRESSURE ON SOHYO RESULTED ONLY IN GENERAL STATEMENT: QTE TRADE UNIONS OF JAPAN AND THE SOVIET UNION...ARRIVED AT AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN FUTURE COOPERATION AIMED AT UNIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION MOVEMENT...AND ESPECIALLY FOR OPENING OF AN ASIAN TRADE CONFERENCE AIMED AT STRENGTHENING UNITY AMONG ASIAN WORKERS. UNQTE. SOHYO OFFICIALS EMPHASIZE THAT KEY WORDS ARE QTE CONTINUE EFFORTS UNQTE. SUCH EFFORTS IN LAST TWO YEARS HAVE NOT MOVED SOHYO OUT OF NEUTRAL POSITION IN

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